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MODERNISATION OF POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether review of modernisation programmes in respect of some important postal services executed between 1995-2000 revealed failure of the Postal Department to achieve physical and financial targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. There was savings in budgeted fund utilzation by the Department of Posts in some of the modernisation programmes.

(b) During review of the Budget performance of Department of Posts by P&T Audit for 1995-2000 shortfall in budgeted fund utilization to the extent of 24.6% and non-achievement of physical target in respect of some modernisation projects to the extent of 19% were observed. The reasons for shortfall, inter-alia include procedural delays and changed allocation due to revision of target.